

The Zodiac Speaks

* "Call unto me, and I will answer thee,
* and show thee great and mighty things,
* which thou knowest not" - Jer. 33 : 3.

Most of our people are aware of the seasons, and thrill to the festive ones, especially Thanksgiving and Xmas. Then comes the anticipation of Easter and resurrection morning: the awareness of the season is in itself of no value to Christians or non-Christian. But to KNOW that God is behind all events of history, with profound reasons underlying both the event and timing, could mean much to those who THINK, and who strive to understand.

God spoke unto Moses and Aaron while in Egypt, saying: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Ex 12:2). Then He went on to instruct them about the Passover rite and other festivals. On the 10th of the month was the selected lamb to be shut up - to become their "passover" as closing the 14th. To say that the lamb was a type of Christ's crucifixion, as He became God's "lamb" unto all who "own" Him, may be ever so impressive, and even awe inspiring unto a believer; yet that is but a portion of God's awesome Truth! Creation itself was conformed thereto, as well as the flow of God's life-sustaining pulse into all.

The season itself is founded in the Vernal Equinox, or about March 21st. We say that the "sun enters Aries - the Ram" (or lamb). It is the "first sign of the Zodiac" answering to the constellation of the Ram. WHY is the Ram the first one? Look back to God's wording in Ex. 12: He speaks of "the house of their fathers." Does not the word it-

self ~~empty~~ begetting? And is not the ram the most prolific begetter of all animals in contact with man? A ram in his prime of siring life, can impregnate hundreds of ewes in a 24-hour period. This is vastly in excess of the potential of other animals known to man - including himself. THAT animal constellation God placed there to SPEAK to us. . . Might not God expect of man to THINK? Like a wise and loving Father He leads us on: He brings us to a situation: He uses words (carefully chosen): He expects us to THINK. . .

The "beginning"! In the "beginning of creation, He entered into Fatherhood. The "beginning" of life: as we know it comes thru begetting. The "beginning" of months: March 21st where the life giving sun enters Aries: the mightiest of all seed producing animals. Alongside the solar path thru the year are the eleven other constellations, depicting how God's own life flows out to His creation, from month to month.

Even in the closing of Revelations, we are shown how the tree of life growing on either side of the river of life, yields its fruit from month to month - for healing of the nations. (see 22:2.)

Does it not seem logical that the substance which can produce life, can also maintain it, and that in its normal fulness of life? ("healing of the nations"!)

Look to those "signs" which God placed along the solar path. There stands the ram and the bull: both sacrificial animals according to the rites delivered Moses. Oh to be sure, they 'sacrificed' those animals, but when the children of God commence arriving at age of understanding, He expects us to perceive that it is not rams and bulls we are to sacrifice to Him, but rather the 'animal'

instincts "sacrificed" to His will thruout a two month period (minimum) - IF we want to attain to the estate of the next "sign": the heavenly Twins.

The Zodiac is divided into four groups as shown us by Rev 4:6 - 7. Those "beasts" or "living creatures" answer to the four "fixed signs" or constellations in the heavens. (Leo, Taurus, Aquarius and Scorpio.) On a clear night as you look up at them, you too will see them as "full of eyes within---." Eyes are worthless without light. That light which the eyes reflect, you may observe by the tens of thousands in those beasts. *

The next group along the solar path are Cancer, Leo, and Virgo (the virgin). The Crab and Lion are again animalistic, but the third is the celestial Virgin which holds Spica Virginis: symbolic of that 'jewel' Christ will take out of this world for His "bride".

The next grouping is that of the Balance, Scorpion and Archer. Closing the 14th day when the 'lamb' is sacrificed, we ever find the moon in Libra, the sign of weighing, or judgment. It is in this sign that sun and moon cross over (crucifixion) the celestial equator.

Usually God spoke to Moses alone; but here Aaron also was present. The name means Enlightened - which indeed we must be before we can 'weigh' the evidence and JUDGE. So, here God shows us that when we arrive at enlightenment, we JUDGE the one before us: it is scorpio the sign of sex and of death. Then we aim our arrows at the Kingdom of Heaven (Sagittarius).

The Goat, Water-bearer and Fish follow. The goat, a cousin to the ram is of the same prolific powers. By this God shows us that when we

have come up thru the symbolism of the preceding nine, we here turn our begetting powers over to the bearer of "the water of life". ("-- there shall a man meet you bearing a pitcher of water---.") This leads on to the fish, depicting the mysteries of LIFE, and the begetting without passion. Fish are cold blooded; begetting differently. It is the 12th sign of the zodiac, and the end of "temptation's" trail.

Now back to this sacred season. On the 10th day was the lamb to be shut up. My senior students know that number as that of fatherhood and law. ('Law' would be pointless previous to fatherhood.) Hereby has God told us that on the 10th day of the first month's new moon, we are to dedicate for sacrifice unto God, a life seed He has given us. Thruout four days it is kept and hal- lowed by man; closing the 4th (14th) it is sacri- ficed unto God (renounced by man for self). On the following day, God leads it out - with a vast multitude of its "brethren". This is the "depar- ture from Egypt". Thirty days later comes the manna from heaven - able to sustain you; but thir- ty days more are required unto the Holy Mount of God. THEN may you go up to commune with Him - like Moses - unto Kingdom entry . . .

The "Kingdom" is for our HERE and for our NOW!!

Much indeed is to be gained thru this 'Passo- ver' sacrifice; but should you be fearful of going in to possess the Kingdom, then will you wander, and fall in the wilderness - like unto Israel. And should you fail to glorify Him as did Moses, then will you not know the fulness of the Kingdom's glo- ry.

Sacrificing man's animal propensities unto

God, is ever pleasing in His sight. But in "the beginning of months" is THE time which leads unto the redemption.

To the fullest extremity our Lord trod the path before us, that 'vicariously' we might be redeemed. (This has elsewhere been explained in my works.) But God - as a true FATHER, expects His children to eventually 'grow up' - ceasing to play around with mud-pies. . .

"He who is able to receive it, let him receive it" said our Lord "for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake."

EVER is our Lord gracious: He will not enact laws we are unable to keep. Yet let us view it from another angle. HE provides for the robins and other life which does not "gather into barns." HE has lavishly provided for us. But IF a person with ample income spends most of it to see shows, sports and other entertainment, it follows of necessity that he will do without a great deal of that which would make his life rich and full and good. So similarly with the wondrous forces of LIFE which God has provided for us lavishly. IF man is determined to fritter away most of it for entertainment, then must he be prepared to 'do without' much of that health, strength and 'Kingdom' blessings he could otherwise enjoy unto life's rich fullness.

We must CHOOSE unto what we sow, for, "he who sows unto the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." But he who sows unto the spirit, shall perpetually reap in joy. . .

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